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AMENDMENT AND

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 13, 2002 in the above-captioned application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments indicated below and reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 10, 11, 18, 25, 27-28, 35, 49, 53-54 and 57-58 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 12, 13, 24, 29-34, 36-41, 48, 50-52, 55, 56 and 59-61 as

## follows:

1. (Amended) A method of preparing a polymannuronate composition, comprising:

providing alginate;